



DR. AND MRS. M. L. MYERS

Who will leave within the next few days for Louisville, where they will make their home for several months. We regret very much to lose these splendid people from our number and we are glad to know that it is their intention to return to Mt. Vernon sometime next spring.

BRODHEAD.

Miss Cora Griffin, of Mt. Vernon who has been visiting Miss Maude Watson for the past ten days, returned to her home Wednesday. George Frith has returned to Berea after spending the holidays with homefolks. Mrs. Lyda Nevius has returned to her home at Lebanon Junction after spending a few days with homefolks. Miss Rosa Pike is at home from Berea. Misses Ida Lucas and Lou Phillips and Mr. Thos. Logsdon, of Berea, were among the holiday visitors in our city.

A. K. Wesley has returned from Eubanks where he spent Xmas with his parents. E. R. Gentry is in Paris and Winchester this week on business. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Brooks have returned to Williamsburg after spending a few days here, the guest of Mrs. Brooks' mother, Mrs. M. E. Wilcott. B. R. Wilcott was up from Lebanon Junction and spent a few days with his sister, Mrs. Walter Miller. J. E. Watson was with his mother near Quail this week, who is very low. Mrs. John Sigmon is very low of pneumonia. W. H. Benton and R. S. Mudd, of Lebanon Junction, spent the first part of the week with Dr. and Mrs. Percy Benton. Miss Elizabeth Tharp has returned from a two weeks visit to friends and relatives in Marion county.

E. J. and John Hamt, of Elliston, Ky., were guests of their sister, Mrs. Laura B. Cable, first of week. Clarence Perkins, of Midleboro and John Perkins of Junction City, were visitors of Virgil Martin during Xmas week. Frank Brooks, of Talledega, Ala., is with his brother, W. T. Brooks for a few days. Dr. O. O. Stone spent Xmas with his parents at Tazewell, Tenn. O. C. Wilcott, W. J. Owens, M. B. Bowling and John E. Evans were in Louisville this week spending Xmas. R. G. Wilcott, cashier of the Bank of Nepton, spent the holidays with his mother, here, Mrs. M. E. Wilcott. The Misses Evans, of London, are here visiting their uncle, W. T. Evans. M. H. Hawkins has returned from a weeks stay in Lebanon Junction. Brakeman T. A. M. Siden, of Lebanon Junction, got his left foot cut off just north of the depot here Xmas night at 11:55. He was removed to the hospital at Lebanon and died at 3 a. m. Friday morning. He was accompanied to Lebanon by Dr. W. F. Carter.

Miss Marguerite Carter has returned to her home in Owen county after spending ten days with her brother, Dr. W. F. Carter. E. F. Gentry has resigned his position with Albright & Adams and will enter school at Richmond, January 21. Ben Pike has returned from a two weeks stay at Berry, Ky. The watch meeting at the Baptist church Tuesday was largely attended and well enjoyed. Revs. Pike and Sawyers certainly did some fine preaching. Miss Ethel Hilton, of Lexington, and Miss Susie Hilton, of Lancaster, are with their parents for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hilton. Mrs. Thomas Francisco visited her sister, Mrs. Earnest Thompson at Mt. Vernon. M. C. Albright attended a house party at Preachersville from last Wednesday until Monday. The Xmas tree at the Christian church Xmas eve night brought out a large crowd. There were a large num-



ber of presents and some very costly ones on the tree. Tilman Gilpin and sons, of St. Louis, spent Xmas here with his many friends and relatives. Mrs. Fullen Francisco has returned from a week's visit to her daughter, Mrs. E. Spranle at Paris. N. Giles Carter left Wednesday night for Friendsville, Tenn., where he takes the cashiership of the State Bank at that place. Giles has been with us for six months and has made a host of friends. We all hate to see him go, but here's hoping him all the success in the world.

Mrs. Grant Sigmon and daughter, Miss Belle, have returned to Corbin, after being with Mr. and Mrs. John Sigmon. G. L. Watterberry was up from Pine Knot Christmas day. The Baptist cleared about \$45 out of their pie supper Christmas night. Your scribe in company of Jno E and T. W. Evans, M. B. Bowling, G. L. Watterberry, Dr. W. F. Carter, and Misses Cora Griffin and Maude Watson had the pleasure of spending Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Francisco. The dinner! Well, Tom, your wife is certainly a good cook, and you had the proper things for her to cook. We certainly appreciate your kindness.

Mrs. Mary Hicks, the loving wife of Mr. Larkin Hicks, one of our best citizens passed from this life to the heavenly shore last Sunday at the home of her son, Robert Hicks, in Louisville. Mr. and Mrs. Hicks has been to Kansas City, Kan., and were returning home and decided to spend a few days with their son, Robert in Louisville when Mrs. Hicks became very ill Wednesday and died at 3 a. m. on Sunday following. Her remains were brought here on train No. 21 Sunday night and were peacefully laid to rest Tuesday morning at 10 a. m. in the Baptist church cemetery amid the many sorrowing friends and relatives who had gathered to pay their last respects to this good Christian woman. She leaves one daughter, Miss Bettie and one son, Robert, of Louisville, besides her husband. She was 51 years of age and a devoted member of the Christian church. All the bereaved ones certainly have our heartfelt sympathy.

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Richard Thomas, a negro, was found dead at his home on Levering street. Louisville Times. This is supposed to be the little old lump back darkey who was raised in this county and lived many years in Mt. Vernon.

It depends upon the pills you take. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the best pills known for constipation and sick headache. Sold by Chas. C. Davis.

DRIVES IT
INTO HIDINGVast Amount of Property Es-
caping Taxation.Impossible to Force Men to Assess
Some Kinds of Property Under
the Present System.

The general property tax was put into effect in Kentucky partly because it was believed that under the old system a great deal of property in the shape of money, bonds, stocks, mortgages, lien notes and other evidences of credit escaped taxation. It was hoped that by a rigid system of assessment and inspection a greater amount of this class of property could be brought to light, greatly increasing the revenues of the state.

The system has succeeded in bringing some of this kind of property to light, but there is still an enormous amount of it that escapes taxation. The general property tax, it should be remembered, decrees that the same tax must fall on all classes of property. Let us suppose a man, living in almost any town in the state, is the owner of a land note for \$1,000, on which 6 per cent interest is paid him. In some of the towns in the state his combined town, county and state tax would be over \$3; in most of them it would be between \$2.50 and \$3. Manifestly, a man will be very unwilling to give in for taxation a piece of property that yields him 6 per cent only, when by so reporting it he condemns himself to having to give up nearly half the income from that property to the tax collector.

Perjury or Confiscation.
But the greater part of property of this class does not pay as much as 6 per cent. A vast amount of this property held in the state, perhaps as much as half of it, is property held in trust for the benefit of widows and children who are not able to earn money themselves, but depend for their support upon the income from property that has been left them by the husband and father and which will be largely invested in notes, stocks, bonds and this general class of property. In normal times much of this class of investment will not pay over 4 per cent, the income running from 4 to 5 1/2 per cent. If, now, the tax rate absorbs from 2 1/2 to 3 per cent, it will be readily seen that very little is left for the support of these helpless people.

The temptation to conceal property when the tax on it will absorb from one-half to three-fourths of the income it yields is stronger than the normal man can resist, and as a rule he does not try to resist it in any state where this system of the general property tax prevails, and that is why the tax authorities of states are coming so generally to denounce it. In Kentucky the evasions of the tax on this class of property are enormous. In September, 1905, only \$11,480,000 of bonds, only \$1,438,195 of stock in corporations and only \$13,046,837 of bank deposits was given in for taxation, although the banks and trust companies of the state contained in that year \$93,500,000 of deposits. At the same time the assessors were able to find only \$5,407,512 of money outside the banks, or a total of about \$18,500,000 of money. That there should have been then only about \$93,500,000 of deposits in the banks of the entire state of Kentucky is the most damning proof of the supreme economic folly of our system.

Effect on Value of Real Estate.
We may mark the secondary effect of this policy in the valuation of real estate. It takes capital and accompanying prosperity to enhance real estate values. In 1880 the assessed real estate valuation was \$265,055,908, or \$160 per capita. In 1890, before our new constitution with the present tax system went into effect, the valuation increased to \$293,000,000. In 1900, after eight years of the new tax system, it had increased to \$209—an increase of only \$6 per capita. The total assessed wealth of the state in 1890 was \$212.63 per capita. In 1890, just before the new constitution, it had increased to \$275.80. From 1890 to 1900, with 11 years of the new tax system, it increased only to \$223 per capita—an increase of less than \$18 per capita in 10 years.

Under our old constitution, with all its imperfections, there was some latitude given to localities in the encouragement of industries. The new constitution adopted in 1891 abolished most of this, but did allow municipalities to give five years' exemption to new manufacturing concerns. The act putting this clause of the constitution into effect was not passed until 1895. The decade then, from 1890 to 1899, illustrates the progress possible under the old liberal system; the decade from 1890 to 1900 illustrates the result of the narrow policy of the new constitution before partial exemption became effective, and the years since 1900 well show the result of the liberal policy of encouragement. Mark the result: From 1890 to 1899, under a policy of encouragement, the capital employed in manufacturing in Kentucky increased 74.2 per cent. From 1890 to 1900, with all encouragement withdrawn and heavy taxes imposed, the capital invested in manufactures increased only 30.4 per cent. About 1900 the five-years' exemptions had been granted in many cities and towns, and from 1900 to 1905 the capital invested in manufactures in Kentucky increased 67.4 per cent.

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UNJUST TAX PLAN

The Tax Commissioners of the
States AgreeIn Denouncing General Tax System
Like Ours—Full of Evils
In Operation.

In discussing tax questions in Kentucky and elsewhere, frequent reference is made to the "general property tax." This is the kind of system Kentucky has in force. It is the system that is in force in most of the states.

Briefly, the general property tax is a uniform ad valorem tax levied upon all classes of property alike, regardless of the nature, of the earning capacity or of the tangible or intangible character of the property. The taxing authority of a state, for instance, will levy a tax of 50 cents. This tax is to fall upon every kind of property alike. Everything of value, whether real estate, money in bank, notes, bonds, mortgages, shares of stock, live stock, wagons, carriages, jewelry, furniture, any sort of personal property, or franchises of corporations is called property and must pay this tax. This is the general property tax. The general property tax is, therefore, the levying of a uniform ad valorem tax on all property for all purposes.

As distinct from this system is the system of classifying property, raising state revenues from one kind of property, county revenues from another kind of property and city revenues from still another kind, and also the raising of revenues by special taxes of various kinds. The argument in the tax world today is between these two systems of raising the public revenue.

The Kentucky system is the general property tax. Our constitution binds us to the levy of a uniform ad valorem tax on all property of every kind for all purposes. If a piece of property located in the city is taxed for one purpose, it must be taxed for all. If it is a property-earning 6 per cent return to its owner, it must pay the same tax as property earning 20 per cent. If it is a kind that can be removed or hidden it is taxed the same as real estate—if it can be found. No distinction is made on any account whatever; all property must pay the same rate.

This sounds like a very fair system, and in theory, it is fairness itself. But its operation, in the opinion of those who have studied the question, not in Kentucky only but in every state in the Union, has not borne out the promise made for it. The system has been abandoned in Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Delaware, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Oregon, and partially in a number of other states. The rapid tendency of the states is to get away from it, as impossible and impracticable. Nearly every state that has a tax commission has declared itself very frankly on this question. A large number of states have within the last few years appointed tax commissions to carefully study the methods of raising public revenues and, almost invariably, the reports of these commissions have denounced the general property tax system, the system that we have in Kentucky, as being absurd, impossible of enforcement and unjust in its operation.

Denounced by Supreme Court.
The supreme court of the United States leads the way in denouncing the system. In its opinion in the case of the Pacific Express Co. vs. Seibert, the court said:

"This court has repeatedly laid down the doctrine that diversity of taxation, both with respect to the amount imposed and the various species of property selected either for bearing its burdens or being exempt from them, is not inconsistent with a perfect uniformity and equality of taxation in the proper sense of those terms; and that a system which imposes the same tax upon every species of property, irrespective of its nature or condition or class, will be destructive of the principle of uniformity and equality in taxation and of a just adaptation of property to its burdens."

An Illinois tax commission has declared that the uniform ad valorem general property tax, the system that we have also in Kentucky, "is degrading to the conscience and subversive to the public morals—a school for perjury, promoted by law."

A New Hampshire tax commission declares its "corrupting and demoralizing influence."

A New York tax commission says: "It puts a premium on perjury and a penalty on integrity."

In an address to the general assembly of Maryland, Richard T. Ely, one of the greatest of our publicists, said: "The one uniform tax on all property as an exclusive source of revenue never has worked well in any modern community or state in the entire civilized world, though it has been tried thousands of times; and although all the mental resources of able men have been employed to make it work well."

Prof. E. A. Figgel, late tax commissioner of Ohio, said in an article in the Independent: "The indirect results of the operation of the law have been to drive away large masses of capital from the state. It is estimated that at least \$200,000,000 has been lost to Cleveland alone, and as much more to Cincinnati."

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Mt. Vernon, - - - - - Kentucky.

UNCLE HENRY FISH TELLS
OF HIS VISIT WEST.Bliss, Oklahoma; Dec. 18, 1907.
Editor Signal:

For the benefit of my legion of friends and relatives in old Rockcastle who might want to hear and know something as to my whereabouts, I write this brief description of my travels since I left. In all I have traveled 1675 miles stopping first in Arkansas, next in central Missouri, then on to North Missouri, then to Kansas City, Lansing Kansas, thence to this place, where I have been nearly four weeks. I have met many old friends and a few new ones along the line, and am now stopping with one of my kinsmen. I am on what is known as the 101 Ranch, owned by the Miller brothers, and to say that it is a big thing does not do it justice. It is a little world within itself. Mrs. Miller and her three sons own and control nearly 10000 acres of as fine land as ever lay out of doors, all fenced with the cultivating lands fenced off in fields to itself, which is about 12000 acres. They have 1800 acres in wheat, 1000 acres in alfalfa and are preparing to put out 3000 acres in cotton next spring. The Ranch home is equipped with every convenience; all kind of mills, modern machinery, electric plants, in fact, almost everything that heart could want or money can buy. The lands are selling from \$40.00 to \$50.00 per acre. As the Indians die off, the Miller boys have succeeded in getting a hold of pretty much all the land within the ranch that can be bought at all. Their ranch extends 22 miles North and South and 4 to 6 miles East and West. They have 1600 head of cattle, 500 head of horses and mules, 300 hogs and 20 buffalos. They sold \$5000.00 worth of cotton a few days ago and have more than \$4000.00 yet to sell.

Mrs. Miller was born and reared in Rockcastle, is related to the Fish, Carson and Poynter families. Mrs. Miller is a genuine

type of the old Kentucky domestic woman. She spends most of her time fussing with her poultry, pigeons etc. She has just completed a pigeon house and henery connected at a cost of \$700.00. It is a hundred and fifty feet long, and one side is built of glass. She has five hundred chickens, and geese by the hundreds. The geese are so large that it takes one hand to hold a goose down while she picks it. She has about 1000 Homer pigeons which are the most beautiful things on the ranch. To describe this ranch in detail would take too much time and space.

I have stood my trip just fine and am feeling tip top. I will leave here about next Saturday for Oklahoma City to meet William Jennings Bryan according to promise. Will let you hear from me later.

Yours very truly,
J. HENRY FISH.

CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH
REMEDY BENEFITS
ACITYCOUNCIL
MAN AT KINGS-
TON JAMICA.

Mr. W. O'Reilly Fogarty, who is a member of the City Council at Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies, writes as follows: "One bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy had good effect on a cough that was giving me trouble and I think I should have been more quickly relieved if I had continued the remedy. That it was beneficial and quick in relieving me there is no doubt and it is my intention to obtain another bottle." For sale by Chas. C. Davis.

Among the witnesses examined by Mott Ayres, State Fire Marshal at Hopkinsville, were the parents of George Gray, the young man killed in the night riders' raid on the city. Mr. Ayres is preparing evidence for the grand jury to consider when it meets Thursday.

When you want the best, get DeWitt's Corbolicized Witch Hazel Salve. It is good for little or big cuts, boils or bruises, and is especially recommended for piles. Sold by Chas. C. Davis.

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WILDIE

Miss Lou Phillips has returned to her home after spending Xmas with her aunt of Brodhead. Miss Stella Adams who has been visiting her aunt Mrs. Brown of Stanford has returned home. Mrs. Myrtle Tharp who has been visiting relatives at this place has returned to her home. Miss Addie Fish has returned to her home after a pleasant visit with her grandfather Mr. A. T. Fish at this place. Several girls and boys of this place left last Tuesday, for Bere College where they will enter school.

Miss Etna Hayes who has been visiting in Corbin returned to her home first of the week. Willie Brannaman was with homefolks latter part of last week. Herbert Fish who has been ill for some time with Typhoid fever we are glad to say is able to be out again. Miss Margaret Cooper of Berea was the pleasant guest of her friends Misses Stella and Ella Adams during holidays. Albert Hiatt and sister Miss Minnie of Hiatt Ky., were visiting relatives at this place last week. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Reynolds of Livingston were visiting their mother Mrs. Mary Coffey during Christmas.

Mr. Richard Brannaman and Miss Minnie Fish were married at 2:30 P. M. Christmas day at the bride's home, and after the ceremony the happy couple went to the home of the bridegroom's parents where a delightful supper was served. They are worthy young people and deserve a happy and happy and prosperous life.

Everybody loves our baby, rosy sweet and warm. With kissy places on her neck and dimples on her arms. Once she was so thin and cross, used to cry with pain—Mother gave her CASCASWEET, now she's well again. Sold by Chas. C. Davis.

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TIME TABLE.

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24 north..... 3:40 a m
23 south..... 1:24 p m
21 South..... 12:20 a m

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Entered at the Mt. Vernon, Ky. Postoffice as second-class mail matter.

PERSONAL

Fred Hayes has gone to Missouri. Charley Riddle is telegraphing at Wildie.

James Brooks was over from Johnetta Monday.

Elmer Houk is taking a few days sojourn in Indiana.

Shelly Fuqua was over from Big Hill during the week.

G. W. Baker is at home from Tennessee this week.

Miss Ethel Baker is with relatives here this week.

Chester Landrum has returned to school at Winchester.

L. T. Welch spent Xmas with homefolks at Scottsville.

Tom O'Mara is here from Bessemer, Ala. for a few days.

C. D. Sutton was in Preachersville from Thursday until Monday.

J. Fish, the clothing and shoe merchant was in Louisville during the week.

Master Jake Williams came over from Somerset to spend his holiday vacation.

Representative-elect W. A. B. Davis, will leave next Sunday for Frankfort.

Mrs. J. R. Cass and little daughter, Annie, visited relatives here the last of the week.

Mr. Joseph Coffey was up from Stanford Wednesday looking after some business matters.

Miss Sarah Baughman, of Stanford was one of the guests at the Baker-Harkins wedding.

A. T. Fish of Wildie and son John Egbert, of Texas, were here one day during holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hughes came up from Stanford for the Baker-Harkins wedding.

Ed Gentry was here yesterday returning from a visit to Paris, Winchester and Lexington.

The three Miller boys were out from Louisville last week visiting their cousin Will H. Krueger.

Miss Margaret Fish of the S. J. I. College, Abingdon, Va., spent last week with her mother here.

W. H. Pettus, railroad agent Habersham Tenn., with his wife was here last week having dental work done.

Walter G. Smith, the popular Cashier of the Bank of Sherburne, spent a portion of this week in Mt. Vernon.

Oscar D. Brock stepped for a day and night with relatives here, while enroute to Louisville to enter the medical college.

Attorneys G. Albert Rumel and C. J. Weber, of Cincinnati were the guest of Miss Rissie Williams during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilman Gilpin of St. Louis spent Christmas with relatives in Laurel and Rockcastle. They were the guests of D. E. Davis and family at this place Saturday and Sunday.

Ike Bowman, better known as "Daniel Boone" has bought a wagon load of furs in Clay and Jackson county. Looks as though he was going to manufacture coonskin caps by the wholesale.

Rev. F. L. Warren was here Wednesday and told us that he and his wife would leave in the near future for Kansas to spend some time with their children, who have lived in that state for several years.

J. M. Craig was in from the Glades section yesterday, reporting a great deal of sickness in that part. He said that E. A. Herrin and Rev. Martin Owens and wife were all three very low. Rev. Owens recently suffered a stroke of paralysis and has lost his speech.

Mrs. R. B. Mullins spent New Years at Livingston.

Mrs. J. W. Hutcheson was the guest of Mrs. M. B. Salin this week.

Miss Anna Tate spent several days with Miss Maud Graham at New Haven.

Mrs. Matilda Jane Cummins has returned to her home in Walnut Grove Mo.

Misses Alza and Susie Thompson have returned from a visit to Preachersville.

Miss Annie Fishback, of Livingston visited Miss Clyde Lair and Mrs. R. A. Sparks.

J. E. Houk was here from Jamestown Ind., this week looking after some business matters.

Frank Cottengim was in to see Dr. Southard Wednesday, concerning his mother who is very sick.

Victor Tate, Dr. Dyche, F. L. Thompson and Walter Miller attended the London hop last week.

Luther Forester, of Burnside Ky., is visiting the families of his uncles, Dr. S. C. and W. A. B. Davis.

Mrs. Susan Butler has moved to E. B. Brown's property on old Main where she will continue her boarding house.

We are told that Mr. and Mrs. A. Pennington are thinking of giving up the Eight Gables Hotel at Livingston and returning to Mt. Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harkins and two daughters, Miss Davidson and Mr. Hopkins, came over from Prestonsburg to attend the Baker-Harkins wedding.

Dr. J. W. Sams has sold his house and lot to R. M. Smith for \$1,400. Dr. Sams will leave in a few days for Russellville. We are sorry to see Dr. Sams and family leave our town—East Bernstadt Cor. London Sentinel.

Corpl. Elbert L. French, who used to live near Livingston was visiting relatives here and out in the country during Christmas week. Mr. French served five years in the army in this country and the Philippines. His time being up was recently discharged.

LOCAL

Mrs. Cynthia Hawley of the Glades section died a few days since.

The holiday hop at the Miller house passed off in a most pleasant manner.

FOR SALE—A good wagon and team
L. T. WELCH,
Mt. Vernon, Ky.

William Harness who lived just over the Lincoln line dropped dead a few days since, of heart trouble.

There will be preaching at the Christian church next Sunday morning and night by Rev. J. W. Masters.

Christmas passed off quietly all over the county with the exception of a little shooting affair at Conway the particulars of which we have been unable to obtain.

Mt. Vernon can boast of having two of the best lodges in the State, the Masonic and the I. O. O. F. and so pronounced by visiting brothers from other towns.

NOTICE—All persons indebted to the estate of Elizabeth Barnett deceased, will please call at my office at once and adjust the same.

G. M. BALLARD, Adm'r.

A summary of the accidents of 1907 shows that 57,919 persons have been killed and injured in accidents during the year, 35,612 have been killed and 22,307 injured. Some of the larger items of the list are as follows: Earthquakes, landslides, etc. 21,512 killed 8,092 injured; explosions and mine disasters, 3,086 killed, 2721 injured; storms and floods 4,209 killed 1,563 injured; railroad wrecks, 811 killed 2,939 injured; automobile accident, 229 killed, 704 injured. Among other deaths are 2,269 lost in wrecks of vessels and 492 in other drownings.

Mt. Vernon "Central" requests that telephone subscribers use the following system in calling for numbers, thus: six-one, for 61; double seven for 77; one-oh-nine, for 109; double one for 11; triple one, for 111; double-one-two, for 112 etc. This system has been adopted by all principal exchanges and by its use business is facilitated and many errors and delays are avoided. Faulty enunciation of many telephone users in speaking numbers and the peculiarities of the 'phone make it necessary to use the above system to simplify and make calls plain.

Felix Bowman will begin a subscription school in the public school building next Monday.

The first of the year is the time to square all accounts for the previous year. Please remember that the editor has a few little bills, which he is also called upon to make good.

BAKER-HARKINS WEDDING.

What more appropriate time could there be for the union of hearts than this holiday season, when the hearts of the whole world are going out to their fellow man. Love is the formation of all that is good and pure.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Adams promptly at 11:30 Wednesday morning was solemnized the marriage of Miss Reba James Baker to Mr. Joseph Harkins, a successful young attorney, of Prestonsburg. At the appointed hour the couple unattended took their places under the arch of mistletoe to the strains of the wedding march "Mendelssohn" played by Prof. James McDonald. Rev. Hagerman of the Campbell Hagerman College, Lexington, pronounced the ceremony in a most beautiful impressive manner.

At the close of the ceremony congratulations were extended, after which an elegant lunch was served on small tables by Mrs. Adams assisted by her daughters Misses Ida May and Elizabeth. The numerous presents attest the esteem in which the young folks are held and will serve as life long mementoes.

The bride was gowned in a handsome green velvet traveling suit and she never appeared to better advantage. The groom wore the usual conventional black. The bride is one of our choicest young ladies. From a little girl she has grown up in our midst, honored by old and young alike. She has ever been a bright star in the home circle and now she has gone to reign as queen in her own home. The groom is almost a stranger to us, but judging from what the bride is worthy of, he is a good and noble man. The happy couple left on the 1:24 train amid showers of rice for a two weeks trip through the East after which they will be at home to their friends at Prestonsburg.

We understand that J. V. McKenzie and family are soon to become citizens of our town.

Tuesday night was election in the I. O. O. F. lodge, and the following officers were elected: J. A. Landrum N. G.; L. T. Welch, V. G.; S. C. Franklin Secy. M. B. Salin Treasurer. Next Tuesday night will be installation of the new officers and the filling of the appointive offices. Every member earnestly requested to be present. Supper in lodge room.

I have been solicited by a number of the parents to open a private school in Mt. Vernon this winter. So I have decided to begin school Monday Jan. 6th. I shall give personal attention to each pupil and endeavor to make it profitable to all concerned. Terms \$1.00 1.50 and 2.00. Any who may desire to communicate with me as to particulars can reach me by phone 61.

IDA MAY ADAMS.

To any young man expecting to attend the Eastern Kentucky State Normal School, Richmond, Ky., write to I. H. Boothe, Pres. Y. M. C. A., Richmond, Ky., at as early date as possible, and he will make arrangements for meeting you at the train and finding you a suitable boarding place. You can then come to the office of the President who will assist you in making out your course of study.

In our list of advertisers will be found the large ads of G. T. Johnson, J. Fish, F. Krueger, & Son; the smaller ads such splendid business men as Jonas McKenzie, A. C. Hiatt, the Hiatt merchant; W. H. Carmical & Co., the Grocer; Dr. S. C. Davis, Drugs; W. A. Cox, and Mt. Vernon Casket Co., of this place, and Gragville Owens, of Brodhead, Undertakers; George Owens and Albright & Francisco, Monumental Works; W. A. Carson Painter; Drs. Myers and Dyche, Dentists; J. A. Oliver, the Livingston merchant, are those represented. We call attention of our readers to these several advertisements. It pays to advertise and likewise it pays the buying public to read the advertisements of their home merchants and then take advantage of the bargains offered.

Marriage license was issued Tuesday to Mr. Bert Baker and Miss Sarah Morris.

BOARDING HOUSE:—Having moved to the E. B. Brown property on the corner of Old Main street and Poynter Avenue, I am prepared to accommodate boarder, both regular and transient.

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Mt. Vernon, Ky.

Last Friday was election day in the Masonic lodge, which resulted in the following selections: George R. Reams, W. M.; Chas. C. Davis, S. W.; J. W. Brown, J. W.; Conn Brown, S. D.; J. M. F. Smith, J. D.; S. C. Franklin, Sec'y; J. H. Coffey, Treas.; M. C. Owens, Tyler; E. B. Cox and George Owens, Stewards.

DAVAULT-WHEAT:—At the home of the bride's parents, Rev. and Mrs. B. S. Davault, Miss Fanny Davault and Mr. W. L. Wheat, of Jeffersonville, Ind., were married Xmas week, Rev. C. C. Metcalf performing the ceremony. They will make Jeffersonville their home. The best wishes of this office goes with them, that their journey through life may be one of happiness and prosperity.

BROWN MEMORIAL SCHOOL.

The winter term begins January 20th, and the school offers the usual courses through the twelve grades. Two more teachers have been added, one in the music department and one in the grammar grades. The latter will have the teacher's reviews.

Parents are again asked to carefully consider the rules and regulations of the school before entering their children, then there will be no cause for friction. There are very few rules, but these, as heretofore, will be rigidly enforced for the good of the whole student body.

All tuition must be paid in advance. This warning gives everyone a chance to have it ready. The school is no longer an experiment. Its work is above criticism, and worthy of the best financial and moral support the community is able to give it. There is not a school in Kentucky that offers a better opportunity to boys and girls who are in earnest. It is but right to charge the tasters who stay but a day or a week five dol-

lars. No one above primary can enter for less. There has been spent upon the work here this fall, over twenty-seven hundred dollars. There has been paid in from the county but six hundred. Remember there is a splendid set of students at the dormitory working their way, and carrying off many of the honors of the school! One of these, a first year high school student, averaged 94 per cent in her terms work. The county should be proud of such young people, and proud of the school that is furnishing the means for such work. We think those who understand are appreciative.

For the steadfast encouragement, confidence and hearty support of the business men of the town, the principal wishes at the beginning of the new year to express her thanks, and to assure them that the work is only begun. Better things are to follow.

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A very heavy earthquake was recorded on the instruments at the Coast and Geological Survey observatory at Cheltenham, Md., Monday morning.

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For sixteen years this remedy has been recommended for stomach, liver and bowel complaints and the fact that each year more and more families are using it proves that it has the merit claimed for it, and the letters we are constantly receiving prove that it is curing these diseases. Hence the guarantee is justified.

Mr. Alston, of Houston, Tex., writes: "I have been a sufferer for many years with chronic constipation, indigestion, flatulency, sour stomach, bloated stomach, heartburn, etc. I have tried many remedies, but none gave me any relief. I then tried Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin and after using a few bottles I was completely cured. I can now do all my work and feel as well as ever."—MR. A.

It does all you claim for it and I do not know of another medicine of its kind that does." Mrs. Williams, of Sidney, Ill., writes that she has used it in her home all her married life and would not keep house without it. Thousands of others have written to the same effect.

If you have any complaint for which Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is recommended go to your druggist and get a bottle of it. It is sold on the basis that we guarantee satisfaction. You will find it gentle in action and pleasant in taste. It works promptly and efficiently, and unlike purgative waters, salts and cathartic powders, it does not gripe and leave you feeling weak and torn. It is safe to say that you will like it and use it regularly when you have call for a laxative. It is especially suited to children and weak people because of its gentle action.

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The Case of the Walsh Estate in Lexington Points Out a Dangerous Result of Our Tax System.

The manner in which the tax system of Kentucky may seriously affect its business interests was recently given a very striking demonstration in Lexington. The estate of Mrs. Clara Bell Walsh, amounting to about \$750,000, had been for many years managed by the Security Trust company of Lexington, as trustee. A petition was filed recently in the Fayette circuit court, asking the court to terminate the trusteeship, so that Mrs. Walsh might put her property in the hands of a trust company in St. Louis. The Security Trust company, which had been acting as trustee, did not oppose this, it being distinctly stated in the petition of Mrs. Walsh that the services of the trust company had been in every way satisfactory, but that the taxes imposed upon her property were too burdensome.

The peculiar feature of the case lies in the fact that Mrs. Walsh, herself, resides in St. Louis and, therefore, claims that her personal property should not be taxed at Lexington in the hands of her trustee. The court of appeals having held otherwise, and Mrs. Walsh, not feeling justified in paying a tax rate of \$270 on the stocks, bonds and other investments in the hands of the Kentucky trustee, since she could not derive any possible good from the payment of this tax, decided to remove the property to the state of her residence.

A considerable part of the estate was invested in local securities—the bonds of local corporations and real estate mortgages. This will mean that the money will gradually be withdrawn from investment in these local securities and reinvested by the St. Louis trustee in other securities, thus constituting a loss of that much money to enterprises in and around Lexington and Fayette county. It means just that much greater scarcity of needed capital.

The Lexington Herald has been, with great energy and skill, showing the result of this sort of taxation on the business interests of the state. It points out, among other things, the inconsistency in the decisions of our courts, which hold that a man who lives in one Kentucky county and has intangible personal property, such as stocks, bonds, or money, in the hands of a trustee in another county of Kentucky, must pay the tax in the county of his residence and not in the county where the trustee resides; but if the owner of the property moves entirely out of the state, then he must pay a tax in the county where the trustee resides, as well as pay the tax in the state where he takes up his new residence, thus constituting double taxation.

Consumed With Taxation.

In her petition asking for the change in trusteeship Mrs. Walsh says: "Plaintiffs desire, if said Clara Bell Walsh be not entitled to a discharge of the trustee, that there be a change in the person of said trustee, and if it can be done that the funds and property in trust be transferred to a trustee duly qualified under and resident in the state of Missouri, where they have their home. Plaintiffs state that the reasons why a change of trustee is desired do not in any manner relate to the conduct or fidelity of said trustee, but are on account of the heavy burdens of taxation imposed on said estate by reason of the residence of the trustee in a state and city different from the home of the beneficiary."

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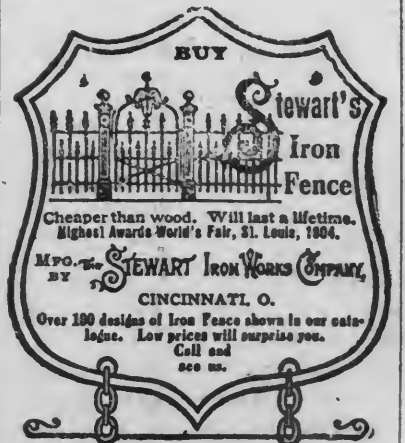
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ORLANDO.

Born on Dec. 28th, to Mrs. Wilmer Chestnut a fine girl baby. —Mrs. Rhoda Evans visited her sister Mrs. Martha Pennington at Bertna last week.—Mr. E. J. Anderson has moved his family to Livingston. We regret very much to give up such excellent citizens as Mr. and Mrs. Anderson.—Miss Helen Singleton was the guest of Mrs. L. B. Smith Monday.—Frank Singleton left Tuesday for Berea where he will enter college.—E. J. Williams has purchased and moved to the property located by E. J. Anderson.

Mr. Granville Cox of Wilde and Miss Allie Laswell of this place were married Dec. 24th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sallie Bill Rev. Wm. Williams officiated.—R. E. Bell has moved to Berea where he will put his children in school.—Dr. Lee Chestnut returned to Louisville Monday Dec. 30th.

At 4 o'clock A. M. Dec. 25th, 1907 the death angel visited the home of Mr. Mariou Bryant and claimed for its victim his beloved wife, Lydia Bryant who before marriage was Miss Lydia Abney. She was a well known school teacher, having taught the Cove district school which closed a little over a week prior to her death. She was a noble sweet woman and loved by all who knew her. To the bereaved husband, brothers and sisters we extend our heartfelt sympathy and can only say in way of consolation so live in this life that when the summons comes for you that you may hear the welcome words, "Enter ye into the home prepared for the blessed of my father."

If a cough once gets into your system it acts on every muscle and fibre of the body and makes you ache all over. It especially effects the intestines and makes you constipated, so in order to get rid of a cold thoroughly and without delay you should not take anything that will tend to constipate. Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup acts upon the bowels and thereby drives the cold out of the system. It contains no opiates—it is pleasant to take and is highly recommended for children. Sold by Chas. C. Davis.

Supporters of Hughes, of New York are preparing to make an active fight for him and will take his boom out of the inconspicuous class in which it has been. A fight will be made for indorsement by the Republican Committee of the State, and if this is won it will mean that New York will send a delegation instructed for Hughes.

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